

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-8 (Cancelled)

9. (Previously amended) A case-ready food product containing isolated lactoferrin immobilized on a naturally occurring substrate via the N-terminus region of the lactoferrin in a concentration between about 0.0001 and about 10 mg per gram of the food product.

10. (Previously amended) The case-ready food product in accordance with claim 9 wherein the food product is a meat product.

11. (Original) The case-ready food product in accordance with Claim 10 wherein the meat product is a beef product, a pork product, or a poultry product.

12-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Original) The case-ready food product in accordance with Claim 10 wherein the meat product is a frozen meat product that additionally contains a vegetable, dairy ingredient, sauce, broth, or gravy.

20. (Original) The case-ready food product in accordance with Claim 10 wherein the concentration of lactoferrin on the surface of the meat product is from about 0.01 to about 1 mg/sq. inch.